

The Council of the City of Villa Rica met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 in the Council Chambers at 101 Main Street, Holt-Bishop Justice Center, and Municipal Courtroom. Those present were Mayor J Collins (arrived at 6:12 p.m.); Council members Rusty Dean, Verland Best, Woody Holland, Shirley Marchman and Patrick Henrickson, City Manager Larry Wood, and City Attorney David Mecklin. Approximately 39 people were in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (Mayor Collins arrived at 6:12 p.m.) Councilman Best had the prayer and all in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to our United States of America.

Minute from the January 4, 2011 Council meeting were presented. Dean made motion to approve/Marchman seconded – 5/0 – motion carried.

**Financial update** - present by City Manager, Larry Wood. *For Current month:* Cash Accounts, \$9.9 million; General Fund Revenues, \$1,088,081; General Fund Expenditures, \$485,746; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$376,393; Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$359,907; Capital Project Expenditures, \$15,176; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$52,266. *Year-to-Date:* General Fund Revenues, \$6,327,670; General Fund Expenditures, \$6,143,664; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$4,086,288, Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$3,444,881, Capital Project Expenditures, \$697,105; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$1,160,876.

Currently have four (4) vacant positions: Water Treatment Plant Operator, Library Manager, Recreation Maintenance; and Probation Officer.

West WWTP is progressing 12 days behind their two year schedule. We should see substantial completion by February or March 2011. They remain under budget.

**Consent Agenda** – no items

### **Old Business**

**Appointment to Carroll County Chamber Board** – skipped and will take up when Mayor arrives.

**Swear in George Costas to Downtown Development Authority Board** – Mayor Pro Tem Holland swore in Mr. George Costas to the DDA Board.

**ORD-11-01-CCO – Foreclosure Registry Ordinance** – Freeman – council members still had question regarding this ordinance and asked Freeman to look at this and make changes in fee and number of times a fee can be changed. Best made motion that this item be brought back to the March meeting after changes were made to ordinance/Holland seconded – 5/0 – motion carried.

### **New Business**

**ORD-11-02-CCO – Abatement Reimbursement** – Freeman – Holland made motion to bring this item back to the March meeting/Best seconded – 5/0- motion carried.

**Item added to agenda – City Wide Clean Up** – Best requested that we bring back the city wide clean up that he used to have and stopped about two years ago. This would be a 2-3 day program where you could put out any items for the city to pick up which would include paint, tires, etc. which are items that the city does not pick up during their weekly pickups. If someone was unable to place items at curb, they could call city hall for pick up and they would sign a release for city employees or work crews to come on their property to remove items. It was suggested this be held in the later part of March or early April. Best made motion to approve clean up and to have this as an annual program/Holland seconded – 5/0 – motion carried. (Possibly have this during National Beautification Week.)

Allen Smith Consulting - CDBG Grant Information – City Manager stated that Councilwoman Marchman must abstain for voting on this grant or any items pertaining to this contract/grant as she lives and owns property in the grant area. Councilman Holland acknowledged he also owned property and stated he would abstain from voting on this contract or any items pertaining to this contract/grant. Wood presented drawing showing where the new water lines would be run along and near the Thomas Dorsey Drive area. Staff has been surveying the area with questions to assure that this area does qualify for this grant. 70% of the residents have to be on the low to moderate income level for this area to qualify for this grant. City wants to extend some of the lines, and to get this grant we must put in \$150-\$250,000 into this program. Mayor asked if this could be for water or sewer because Councilman Henrickson has areas that have never had sewer and the residents in the grant area does have water, I know the pressure may be low but at least they do have the water. Best asked if this could be changed as incase the residents in this areas say we don't want this. Wood we have divided city into 5 areas and will apply for grants for those areas.

Dean made motion to move forward with the processing of this contract/Best seconded – 3/2 (Marchman/Holland abstained from voting) – motion carried

**Consideration of Contracts :**

Allen Smith Consulting – CDBG Grant Contract - \$7,000.00 – this contract is for Allen Smith to complete and submit application for this grant. Pay out of Richard's distribution budget. Dean made motion to approve payment/Best seconded – 3/2 (Marchman/Holland abstained from voting) - motion carried.

Rindt-McDuff – Task #12-Kickoff on CDBG Grant/Turano - \$5,500.00 – initially was approved cost to \$90,000 then one of the land owners agreed to pay for the engineering, this is the remaining amount which covers meeting with new engineering firm, reviewing plans, etc. Holland made motion to approve payment/Dean seconded – 5/0 – motion carried.

Rindt-McDuff – CDBG Water System Improvements - \$7,500.00 – this contract is for the preliminary engineering which will have to be submitted along with the CDBG grant. Dean made motion to approve payment/Henrickson seconded – 3/2 (Marchman/Holland abstained) – motion carried.

Patrol Car – Mansour state this is to replace a patrol car that was totaled and the insurance coverage was \$16,036.25 and with our \$5,000 deductible gives us a total of \$11,036.25 to put toward the purchase of a new 2011 vehicle. Remainder of the cost of the vehicle will come out of the drug funds and will not come out of our budget. Best asked when you sale the vehicle you are now purchasing, will that cost go back into the drug fund. This would be a decision made by Chief and City Manager. Holland made motion to purchase new vehicle from Don Rich Ford/Dean seconded – 5/0 – motion carried.

Solid Waste Recycling – Mayor questions this not being on the agenda. Wood stated they did send the contract last Friday and has been given to City Attorney for his review and will bring this back to council at the March meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem stated we skipped item 7 – Appointment to Carroll County Chamber Board - this item will be moved to March agenda at request of Mayor and Mayor has asked council members to give him names of those they would like to see sit on the chamber board. Henrickson reminded Mayor and council that he make recommendation in January of Richard Littleton and would like to keep that name on the table.

**City Update**

Wood thanked Mayor and council for their time last week and stated that he had given the council an annual update at the called work session. Wood invited everyone to the upcoming February 15, 2011 budget meeting which begins at 4:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Mike Williamson, Mirror Lake, has a day been decided on for pick up for recycling – Mayor stated there has not yet been a day set. Mike is 100% for this recycling, just interested in when the pick-up will be after receiving emails regarding this program. Really hope council will take a look at the foreclosure ordinance and regardless of where you live these properties are being left empty and unkept property is an unkept property.

Sherry Waters, Prime Mortgage Network, Inc., 1836 Hwy 61, Ste. 201, Villa Rica, GA – we have client wanting to bring a liquor store to Villa Rica and want s to get this on an agenda, and he would be the first American to have this type of business in Villa Rica. Mecklin explained we would have to have a referendum to process this and have told others to check on how many signatures are needed for approval. Sherry asked if her client could have first rights if he goes through this process and/or first rights for location. The city and council informed Sherry that they cannot promise anyone first rights or promises regarding licensing or location. Mayor asked if even if the public wanted this and enough signatures were received could the council still override and not vote this in. Mecklin said they could but he did not know of anyone who has overridden something like this that the populous has voted on and approved.

Mayor asked City Clerk about the trash littering signs going up and email that was going around Mirror Lake. City Clerk had not received this email or any information regarding “No Littering” signs. Henrickson stated he had been talking with Freeman and he could update council on this project. Freeman stated that Villa Rica Beautiful had ordered these signs and they will be placed throughout the city once received.

**Executive Session** - no executive session

**Adjourn** - Dean made motion to adjourn at 7:10p.m./Henrickson seconded – 5/0, motion carried.

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J Allen Collins – Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Daniell - City Clerk